



INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: St. George's Episcopal Chapel Survey Number: P.G. -70-27
7008 Glenn Dale Rd., Glenn Dale, MD

Project: MD 564 from MD 193 to Carter Avenue, P.G. County Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

St. George's Chapel is significant under Criteria C as a fine example of late Victorian ecclesiastical architecture. Specifically, it exemplifies the interpretation of High Victorian Gothic for use in a simple building in a rural setting.

The High Victorian Gothic was an eclectic style, drawing on Italian, German and English Gothic precedents and was mainly used for public buildings including schools, libraries and churches. Urban churches in this style often employed brick and stone in contrasting colors to create bold patterns. St. George's Chapel shows its connection to the style through its verticality, its steeply pitched gables and its gothic arched openings. Instead of stone or brick, it employs a variety of wood siding and decorative shingles to create patterns. The small size, use of wood and simplification of features, such as the belfry and overhanging, bracketed eaves are appropriate to its location in what was then the semi-rural railroad community of Glenville.

Constructed in 1892, the frame, one-story, gable-roofed structure is relatively unaltered. It rests on a brick foundation, is covered with German siding and has a wood shingle roof. It has gothic-arched windows and a gothic arched front door. A rose window lights the sanctuary at the rear over the altar. Original overhead braces and the wooden wainscoting remain in the interior. Although the surrounding area has developed over the years, the churchyard remains largely unchanged and includes a graveyard.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, P.G. 70-27

Prepared by: Elizabeth Hannott

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

R. Lindgren
Reviewer, NR program

Date

10/23/90

23 Oct 90

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Shore | (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont | (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington) |

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian | 10000-7500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic | 7500-6000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic | 6000-4000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic | 4000-2000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland | 2000-500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland | 500 B.C.- A.D. 900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic | A.D. 900-1600 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement | A.D. 1570-1750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification | A.D. 1680-1815 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition | A.D. 1815-1870 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance | A.D. 1870-1930 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period | A.D. 1930-Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic) | |

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- ☐ Subsistence
- ☐ Settlement
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Demographic
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☒ Agriculture
- ☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- ☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- ☐ Government/Law
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
- ☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Religious Structure

Known Design Source: None

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-27 Building Date: 1892
Building Name: St. George's Episcopal Chapel
Location: 7008 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, Maryland

Private/Religious/Occupied/Excellent/Accessible

Description:

St. George's Chapel is a one-story frame gable-roofed building with Queen Anne decorative features. Its entrance is through a small vestibule on the east gable end. The sanctuary is three bays long; its gothic-arched windows are, with one exception, filled with stained glass. Above the altar is a large round window with eight stained glass panes surrounding a central circular one. The east gable end above the vestibule, is lighted by three narrow lancet windows; this gable end is sided with decorative cut shingles arranged in courses: lapped square-cut shingles above and below courses of clipped-corner shingles, with a single row of pointed shingles forming a string course above the narrow German siding. Entry is through a gothic-arched double door, painted red, in the vestibule. The chapel rests on a brick foundation, and has a new wood-shingle roof. Around the chapel on three sides is a graveyard.

Significance:

St. George's Chapel is a fine example of late Victorian ecclesiastical architecture, and exemplifies the late nineteenth century spread of mission chapels into developing communities. It was organized as a mission of Holy Trinity Parish. In 1872 the Vestry of Holy Trinity purchased one lot in the community of Glenville (now Glenn Dale) which was being developed along the new lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. A chapel was constructed in 1873, but destroyed by a cyclone in 1888. The present chapel was erected in 1892 on the same location. St. George's Chapel underwent restoration in 1971. Although its setting has changed over the last century from a semi-rural railroad community to a busy intersection, it still exemplifies the rural mission of the Victorian period.

Acreage: ca. .8 acre

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. George's Chapel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7008 Glenn Dale Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Glenn Dale

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

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state Md.

county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington

street & number c/o St. George's Chapel

telephone no.: 262-9891

city, town Glenn Dale

state and zip code

MD

20769

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse

liber 2504

street & number Main Street

folio 454

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974

☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale

state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#70-27

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. George's Episcopal Chapel is a one-story frame gable-roofed building (ca. 20' x 40') with Queen Anne decorative features. Its entrance is through a small vestibule on the east gable end. The chapel rests on a brick foundation, it is covered with German siding, and has a new wood shingle roof.

The sanctuary is three bays long; the double hung sashes have gothic pointed arches, and, with one exception, are filled with stained glass. At the rear of the sanctuary, above the altar, is a large round window lighted by eight stained glass panes surrounding a central circular one. The east gable end, above the entry vestibule, is lighted by three narrow lancet windows. From just below these windows to the apex, this gable end is sided with decorative cut shingles arranged in courses: lapped square-cut shingles above and below courses of clipped-corner shingles. Below these courses, a single row of pointed dogtooth shingles forms a string course above the narrow German siding.

Entry is through a gothic-arched double door, painted red, in the vestibule. This door is a new replacement, but an exact reproduction of the original. There is a single pointed-arch window on each of the side walls of the vestibule.

A one-bay gable-roofed sacristy projects from the first bay of the south wall of the chapel. In its south gable end is a short wide pointed-arch window, with a circular pane of glass filling its apex. Above this window the gable end is sided with decorative shingle. At the peak of this south gable is a small belfry and bell. All gables have overlapping bracketed eaves. On the interior, the sanctuary is dominated by the large rose window over the altar. Original beams form the overhead braces, and the walls are covered with original wooden wainscoting.

St. George's Chapel stands on lot #8 of Block 1 (on the original plat of Glenn Dale). On the adjoining lots to the north (lots 9 and 10) stands a frame parish house built in 1925. Glenn Dale Road (formerly Central Avenue) runs quite close to the east end of the chapel; around the chapel on the north, west and south is a shaded graveyard.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#70-27

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1892 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

St. George's Episcopal Chapel, Glenn Dale, is a fine example of late Victorian ecclesiastical architecture; it exemplifies the late nineteenth century spread of mission chapels into developing communities. This chapel was organized in 1873 as a mission of Holy Trinity Parish. (The Holy Trinity Parish itself had been established in 1844 in the northern part of Queen Anne Parish). In 1872 the Vestry of Holy Trinity purchased one lot in the community of Glenville (now Glenn Dale) which was at that time being developed by Edmund B. DuVal along the new lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. A chapel was constructed in 1873 by John Clarke, a local carpenter.¹

In August of 1888, St. George's Chapel was destroyed by a cyclone. By January of the following year, the Vestry had begun to explore the possibilities of rebuilding it. The present building was constructed and consecrated in November 1892.²

Until 1958, St. George's was served by the rector of Holy Trinity. In that year, St. George's Chapel separated from Holy Trinity Parish; it now has its own vicar, as does St. James, a second mission of Holy Trinity parish which was organized and built in Bowie in 1906/07.³

In 1971, St. George's Chapel underwent restoration. At this time the original sill was replaced by creosoted timbers which were slipped in under the studs; a new roof of treated wooded shingles was installed; the belfry was replaced; and the main double door was replaced with an identical reproduction.⁴

Although the setting of St. George's Chapel has changed over the last century from a semi-rural railroad community to a busy intersection, the chapel with its adjoining graveyard still exemplifies the rural Victorian mission of the last century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#70-27

P.G. Co. Deeds HB#6:726; HB#8:240; #2504:454; P.G. Co. Plat JWB#6:209.
Vestry Minutes of Holy Trinity Parish, Md. Hall of Records.
Interview with Rev. Stephenson, September 1984.
Interview with John Corkill, Architect, September 1984.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ca. .8 acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearlorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September 1984street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro,state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: St. George's Chapel					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Glenn Dale Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Glenn Dale					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC					
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Upper Marlboro			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexplored
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a frame structure with a gabled main (east) facade. The entrance porch has a pointed-arched door; there are three lancet windows in the shingled gable end.

The sidewalls have pointed-arched windows, several of which are stained glass and the remainder, clear glass. On the south side is a single transept with a pointed-arched door on its east wall and a circular window on the south endwall; it supports a bell cote surmounting the ridge.

Above the altar is a large, circular stained glass window.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ 15th Century
 ☐ 16th Century
 ☐ 17th Century
 ☐ 18th Century
 ☐ 19th Century
 ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1871 (see map)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. PRIOR DISSEMINATION INFORMATION

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0			0			
NE	0			0			
SE	0			0			
SW	0			0			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
MNCPPC

DATE
14 Nov 73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Silver Spring

STATE
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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NAME ST. GEORGE CHAPEL

LOCATION GLENN DALE RD & RT 564 GLENN DALE, Md

FACADE S

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NAME ST. GEORGE CHAPEL

LOCATION GLENN DACE Rd + Rt. 564 GLENN DACE, Md

FACADE E

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WALTER C.

Beloved Son of
Eli & Ellen

VERMILLION.

Born 25. June 1878

Died 28. Feb. 1881.

Aged 31 years 5 mo
15 days

Rest in peace
his soul

NAME ST. GEORGE CHAPEL - CEMETERY

LOCATION GLENN DALE Rd. & Rt. 564 GLENN DALE, Md

FACADE

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P.G. #70-27

St. George's Chapel
Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #70-27

St. George's Chapel

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #70-27

St. George's Chapel

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #70-27

St. George's Chapel

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

Cemetery to west

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD